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SANSKRIT LANGUAGE IN KVS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Sanskrit is not being tought in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to start teaching the said language in these vidyalayas; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) Sanskrit is taught in Kendriya Vidyalayas as one of the compulsory subjects from Classes VI to VIII. In Classes IX and X where students have to study two languages, they have the option to take Sanskrit as one of the languages out of the three languages i.e. Sanskrit, Hindi and English. Sanskrit can also be taken as additional i.e. third language subject in these Classes. Teachers have been provided to teach Sanskrit subject in all the above Classes. As per the existing provisions of KVS, the students of classes XIth and XIIth can opt for Sanskrit either as a compulsory language subject or as an elective subject. The work of teaching Sanskrit is entrusted to a Part- time/Contractual teacher provided the number of students exercising option to learn Sanskrit is 20 or more in a class.